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Socorro Chapter No. 8, O. E. S.

At the regular meeting of Socorro Chapter No. 8, O. E. S., Monday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz: Worthy Matron, Mrs. F. G. Bartlett; Worthy Patron, J. P. Chase; Associate Matron, Mrs. H. M. Dougherty; Conductress, Mrs. C. G. Duncan; Assistant Conductress, Mrs. C. T. Brown; Secretary, Mrs. J. E. Griffith; Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Driscoll.

COONEY VS. FITCH.

Socorro's Mayor Undertakes to Vindicate His Private and Official Conduct.

Socorro, N. M., Dec. 14th, 1902.

Editor of The Chieftain:

In your issue of Nov. 1st inst. J. G. Fitch, with gaudy glee, takes advantage of the date prior to election to slander me. He states that I have graded Angora goats and did not return them and that I had four thousand sheep last March and did not return them. This is a deliberate lie and in this he puts himself on the level of a contemptible campaign liar. Mr. Fitch reminds me of the cure the old Negro mammy had for insomnia, namely, to close the eyes and imagine you see a number of sheep jumping over the bars in a corral and keep counting them until you induce sleep. Mr. Fitch must have tried this, and after the effort should sleep well. It is not the first time Mr. Fitch attempted to interfere with me in the discharge of my duties. When tax collector, Mr. Fitch endeavored to prevent me from selling the Dailey property for delinquent taxes, appearing before the crowd of purchasers and saying that whoever bought the Dailey property would buy a law suit. He sent his clerk a second time to warn off purchasers and to intimidate me, when I caught him by the collar and said if he or his principal ever returned again that I would place them in jail. I sold the property for taxes. Mr. Fitch started suit in court against Mrs. Dailey for possession of this same land and was defeated. But not content, and in order to harass Mrs. Dailey, who is aged, and a widow of a former citizen of Socorro, he endeavored through an agent, to get some of our leading citizens to make a pretended purchase of the above land, on five years time; suit to be started against the widow in the name of the purchaser, he, Fitch, to do all the law business free. The widow would be put to the expense of employing a lawyer to defend her. To the credit of every citizen approached, none could be found to aid in this malignant war upon the widow. I will state here that Mrs. Dailey redeemed through me the property I sold and has been paying taxes on it ever since.

Regarding the outstanding warrants issued by Estevan Baca and C. Cortinas when occupying the mayor's chair, when Mr. Fitch states that I said or knew they were illegal when I first ran for mayor, he states a deliberate lie. I did not know then nor do I know now, that they are illegal. They were issued for services rendered, to the city government, and are a valid claim unless the city intends to repudiate its indebtedness. Mr. Fitch is the man who said they were illegal. And notwithstanding that he said so, and condemns the taking of them for land sales, he has persistently been tendering the same class of warrants for city taxes for years, and when not accepted, refused to pay any city taxes, viz: For the years 1892 he is delinquent city taxes, \$21.50; for 1895, \$27.49; for 1896, \$22.30; for 1897, \$20.80; for 1898, \$44.28. Others, under advice from him, made the same tender of warrants, and are delinquent also. I need not name the individuals, as any taxpayer can examine the tax roll and see for himself. Mr. Editor, is not such consistency refreshing that those warrants when held by Mr. Fitch and his clients are legal enough to pay taxes, but when held by Abran Abeyta are too illegal to buy land? The city is not ready yet to repudiate its indebtedness, and the efforts of the present city council, who have cut down the expenses of running the city government and are trying to sell its useless land to maintain the credit of the city, increase the tax roll, which has fallen off from a tax return of \$9,082.00 in 1893 to the sum of \$3,505.00 in 1901, is an action to be commended instead of meeting with hostility in certain quarters. Mr. Fitch has some strange schemes to forward the interests of the city. For instance, the mandamus he procured in court to force the city council to ignore the claims of holders of \$12,000

bonds of 1897 and the holders of some \$13,000 water bonds, in order that the entire revenues of the city be given to a client of his holding bonds in \$17,000, to wit: To make a levy of eight (8) mills out of the ten (10) mills allowed by law for his client and two (2) mills general fund to pay the ignored debt as well as expenses of the city. This was an insidious attempt at repudiation, and the city council had but a choice of two lines of action; either resign in a body and let the city go to the eternal bow-wows or fight the nefarious scheme. They decided to fight and made an honest levy of three mills for the general fund; three mills for the interest fund of 1897; and four mills for the interest fund on water bonds. Mr. Fitch has forced the council to employ attorneys to fight his scheme and save the honor of the city. The true inwardness of the job is more fully understood when it is considered that for a year previous to getting his mandamus, Mr. Fitch was getting nearly all the revenues of the city for his bond client, namely, more than \$1,200.00.

The mayor is charged by Mr. Fitch with all the sins of omission as well as commission of the city council, amongst them, the order on the collector not to receive city warrants for taxes. If Mr. Fitch were consistent he would applaud this act, as according to him, they are illegal. Then, why receive them for taxes? Citizens will remember the small pox case left by the circus at the depot. There was no money in the general fund owing to tax resistors, tax dodgers, and tax eaters, like Mr. Fitch, being delinquent, and the mayor had to go around begging from the citizens to procure funds to establish a pest house, feed the patient and his nurse, and when convalescent, burn their clothing and replace them with clean suits before starting them out. Dr. Blackington treating the patient gratis and advancing them money out of his own pocket for the road.

Mr. Fitch shirks the charge of refusing to pay the additional school levy of 1901 by saying he paid the other five. Mr. Fitch is not so ignorant as a lawyer that he should not know that there is a late legislative act that empowers municipal school boards to make an additional levy of not to exceed two and one-half mills if they think the interests of the school demand it. Much of his own delinquency to the city are taxes for the support of the city schools and there is no doubt in my mind but that his whole course as a tax-resistor and as counsel for other tax-resisters was taken with a view to the impoverishment of the city and forcing it into repudiation of its debts.

Mr. Editor, so long as the present condition of public sentiment prevails amongst those who should be foremost in maintaining the credit of the city, there is very little use in anybody seeking capital to invest in either securities or our lands. I shall not in future trespass on your space on the subject at issue with Mr. Fitch. I believe he is subject to mental obliquity, and a continuance of the dispute might aggravate the case.

M. COONEY,
Mayor of Socorro, N. M.

Federal Appropriations.

The secretary of the treasury asks for following appropriations for New Mexico and Arizona for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903: Salaries for the governor and other territorial officers, for New Mexico, \$20,300; contingent expenses, \$1,000; legislative expenses, \$4,000; office of surveyor general, \$12,000; support of Indians in Arizona and New Mexico, \$225,000; incidental expenses of Indian service in New Mexico, \$1,500; support of Indian school at Santa Fe, \$76,300; fund for construction of irrigation works under the sale of public lands, \$200,000.

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ELECTION CONTEST ON

Wednesday and Thursday Are Occupied in Counting the Independent Republican Ballots.

324 INDEPENDENT BALLOTS CAST.

The Vote of San Antonio Precinct No. 7, Claimed the Attention of the Court Yesterday.

Proceedings were begun in the Socorro county election contest cases before Hon. Dan'l H. McMillan in this city Wednesday morning. The contest is brought by the Republican candidates for county offices on the ground, chiefly, of the alleged illegality of the Independent Republican ballots. Wednesday and Thursday were consumed in counting these ballots and it was found that 324 of them were included in the total number of ballots returned by the judges of election of the various precincts, and canvassed by the county commissioners. This number does not include those cast in San Antonio precinct, nor the few thrown out in Kelly precinct and in Socorro precinct No. 24.

What the exact result will be will of course depend upon the decision of the court. It appears, however, that the Independent Republican votes are so distributed that even if they are declared illegal and all thrown out Leandro Baca and Benjamin Sanchez are elected over C. F. Blackington and M. Cooney. Whether any other Independent and Democratic candidates are elected under such a count cannot now be determined.

Two sets of returns were sent to the county commissioners from San Antonio precinct, one by the election officers appointed by the board and the other by election officers alleged to have been elected by the voters at the polls on election day. The attention of the court yesterday was given to the efforts of the contestants to prove that the latter are the legal returns, also to prove the illegality of the Independent ballots.

Monday is the day set for the respondents to present their case, but court adjourned last night until Monday morning and the attorneys for the contestants still had several witnesses to examine. The trial of the case has aroused intense interest and the issue is awaited with considerable anxiety by some parties. The contestants are represented by Attorneys Childers and Dobson of Albuquerque and the respondents by Attorneys Fitch and Dougherty of this city. These gentlemen are fighting every inch of the ground gone over. The decision of the case will probably not be rendered until he close of next week.

Black Range Mining District.

The several mining districts in the Black Range in Sierra county will become very prosperous and lively as soon as a railroad is built from Magdalena to the Black Range to haul the rich ores known to exist there to smelters and mills. The Black Range Railroad Company to run from Magdalena on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway to Chloride, was incorporated about one and a half years ago and surveys were made of the line. Then the matter dropped and has been in a somnolent state ever since. The projectors of the Black Range Railroad Company should make a fresh effort to obtain capital for the construction of the line. This seems to be an auspicious time for such a move. —Santa Fe New Mexican.

Company H's Christmas Ball.

Company H will give a ball Christmas night to raise funds to furnish the new armory. No personal invitations will be issued. All should turn out and do what they can to help the boys build up a bright military company in Socorro. No pains will be spared to make this one of the best balls of the year. Captain Matthews will drill the cadet company as one of the features of the evening's entertainment.

Tickets, \$1.00; ladies free.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

A Summary of Important Events Condensed from the Press Dispatches.

The coal famine still continues in the east.

Parties have asked for a franchise to build a street railway in Roswell.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, the New York millionaire, is at the point of death.

5,000 additional acres are to be put under irrigation by the Pecos Irrigation Company.

Another railroad company has been incorporated to build a road from Alamogordo to Deming by way of Las Cruces.

The secretary of the treasury has recommended that a three story government building to cost about \$200,000 be erected at Albuquerque.

This morning's dispatches announce that Great Britain, Germany, and Italy have accepted the principle of arbitration with Venezuela as suggested by the United States.

A game of football for the championship of New Mexico will be played in Santa Fe on Christmas day between the teams of the Albuquerque Indian school and the Santa Fe Indian school.

Discussion of the statehood measure in the senate has been postponed until January 5. Supporters are still hopeful of its final passage, but Delegate Rodey urges that letters and telegrams be sent to senators asking their support for the statehood movement.

It has just been discovered that a law passed in 1850 fixed the northern boundary line of New Mexico at the 38th parallel instead of the 37th as now represented on maps. This may result in New Mexico's acquiring from Colorado a strip of land 60 miles wide and 400 miles long.

Testimony was adduced before the coal strike commission Tuesday showing that little girls worked in the coal mines all night. The legislature of Pennsylvania will probably be called upon to pass a law to prevent the continuance of this practice. The commission adjourns today to meet after the holidays.

Great Britain, Germany, and Italy undertook a few days ago to force collection from Venezuela of certain obligations due citizens of those countries. For a time war was imminent. In fact German and British vessels seized and sunk two or three Venezuelan craft. All parties to the dispute have now submitted their differences to United States Minister Bowen, however, and it is believed that there will be a peaceable settlement.

Socorro Chapter No. 8, R. A. M.

At the regular meeting of Socorro Chapter No. 8, R. A. M., Tuesday night officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Jas. G. Fitch, Excellent High Priest; C. T. Brown, King; F. G. Bartlett, Scribe; A. E. Howell, Treasurer; C. G. Duncan, Secretary.

Christmas Exercises.

There will be a Christmas tree for the children of the Episcopal Sunday school at Epiphany church Christmas evening. The children of the Presbyterian Sunday school will have their tree and appropriate exercises on the evening of Tuesday, December 23, at 7 o'clock.

Additional Holiday Rates.

In addition to the dates authorized for the Christmas holidays, tickets will be sold to Las Vegas only on December 21 and 22 for the meetings of the New Mexico Academy of Science, Educational Council, and Educational Association.

New Cases Filed.

New cases have been filed in the office of the district clerk this week as follows: Juana Gurale de Montoya vs. Luis Montoya, divorce.

John M. Bryson vs. Estey Mining and Milling Co., account.

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